GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
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DEVELOPMENT OF JAWAHAR LAL NEHRU PORT AS MEGA PORT .
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop the Jawahar Lal Nehru Port as Mega Port so as to enable it to overcome constraints like low productivity and stacking space;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter was also discussed in meeting of Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs;

(d) if so, the reasons for not giving priority to the matter as yet; and

(e) the time by which the final decision to develop the port is likely to be taken ?.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT
(DR.DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (e): The Export Promotion Board have recommended development of Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNP) as a Hub port on the West coast. Pre-requisites for becoming a hub- port, inter-alia, are deeper draft channel & harbour, adequate aggregation of cargo, sophisticated cargo handling equipments, sufficient stacking area as well as aggressive marketing to attract mainline vessels. As a step towards this, it has been decided to commission preparation of a detailed project report for deepening of the JNP channel.